



**PERFECT...**Westfield High School has received notification that 10 students earned a perfect score of 800 on the SAT or SAT 2 subject tests taken in October, 2011. These students, and the subjects in which they received a perfect score are as follows: pictured, left to right, first row: Daniel Dougherty - Reading; Meaghan Fleck - Math; Matthew Gates - Reading; Aditi Jain - Math and Writing; Pengjiu Jin - Math. Second row, left to right, are: Geoffrey Ko - Math; Sun Park - Math; Benjamin Ritter - Writing; Benjamin Schwartz - Math; and Asher Stabler - Math. Peter Renwick, Principal of WHS, commended the students on the outstanding achievement. "It speaks volumes about your abilities and your commitment to your education," he stated.

## Mother Seton HS Graduates 103 at Commencement

CLARK — Mother Seton Regional High School held Commencement exercises on May 31. Principal, Sister Regina Martin, awarded diplomas to 103 graduates. The class of 2012 has achieved in excess of \$17,100,000 in academic scholarships and awards as of May 25, 2012. The class of 2012 has also achieved 100 percent college acceptance.

In her congratulatory remarks, Sister Regina stated, "Graduates, always be proud of your family, your school and of course, yourself. Remember always to act in the Seton Spirit and with your faith and your strength as a backdrop; walk proudly as graduates of Mother Seton Regional High School. You have dreams for yourself. God also has big plans for you. He has given you the power and the opportunities to make these plans and dreams happen. Remember that Mother Seton Regional High School stands as a beacon of light and support for you always."

The Principal's Award for academic excellence during the past four years was awarded to Valedictorian, Maria Clarice Chua and Co-Salutatorians, Emily Lubas and Amanda Panicali. The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award for exemplary witness to Christian values during the past four years was

awarded to Olivia Ortiz.

Maria Clarice Chua, Valedictorian, shared these thoughts with her classmates, "Mother Seton is truly a unique and special school, and the lessons learned here are like none other. Besides the vigor and comprehensiveness of its academic curriculum, the school really teaches you without even trying. We're graduating with each other and in my case, and perhaps many of yours too—because of each other. We're heading out, prepared to take on whatever comes, thanks to the tireless efforts of this administration, faculty, staff and faith community. My challenge for each of you is to find happiness. I don't think any of you will have any difficulty with happiness. You are all such beautiful, promising and bright individuals. I am proud to be a part of the Class of 2012. Farewell and congratulations!"

Co-Salutatorian, Emily Lubas, stated, "I can only hope that as each of my friends in the class of 2012 receives her diploma today, that she is filled with pride in all that she has accomplished over the past four years. All of you have achieved great successes as scholars, athletes, artists, humanitarians, but most importantly, as friends. So I entreat the class of 2012 to never fear failure; go out of your comfort zones and push the boundaries to achieve more than you've ever imagined was possible."

Co-Salutatorian, Amanda Panicali, included these thoughts in her address to the Class of 2012: "To my fellow seniors, soon to be freshmen once again, I'd like to leave you with some parting advice. First, never lose the child inside of yourself. Don't let the world make you better; stay positive and always believe in the inherent goodness of others. Second, never give up, even after success seems hopeless. Occasionally take time to sit back and congratulate yourself on a job well done, and you will find yourself to be a much happier person. Lastly, don't let others underestimate you, and most importantly, don't underestimate yourself. I can't wait to meet you all again soon, but until then, Buena suerte, bonne chance, and good luck in all of your future endeavors."

Jasmine Sangu, Class President, invited the members of the class of 2012 to join her in turning their tassels as a symbol of their graduation from Mother Seton Regional High School.

## Bard College Announces Grad

ANNANDALE-ON-HUDSON, N.Y. — Westfield resident Natalie Narotzky graduated from Bard College on May 26 during the College's 152nd commencement. Natalie was awarded a bachelor's degree.



**Brian Vander Schaaf Merit Scholarship Winner Announced**

WESTFIELD — Westfield High School graduating senior, Brian Vander Schaaf, was awarded a National Merit Scholarship. He is among the select group of scholarship winners, chosen from a talent pool of more than 15,000 outstanding finalists in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.

As a \$2,500 National Merit Scholarship winner, Brian was judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, including his academic record, difficulty level of subjects studied and grades earned; scores from two standardized tests; contributions and leadership in school and community activities; a written essay; and a recommendation written by a high school official. Brian was selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors, and may use his award at any regionally accredited U.S. college or university.



**GREAT WORK...**The art works of Nova Qi and Hailey Reilly, eighth graders at Edison Intermediate School in Westfield were among the 74 pieces of art selected for the 2012-2013 Union County Teen Arts Touring Exhibit. Art work was chosen from more than 700 visual art works shown at the 2012 Union County Teen Arts Festival, and will be on display in galleries and libraries in Summit, Murray Hill, Springfield, Cranford, Elizabeth, Union and Plainfield now through February 28, 2013. An artist "Meet and Greet" sponsored by the Union County Office of Culture and Heritage Affairs was held in Springfield Public Library on May 23.

## "Tar Wars" Poster Contest Winner to Compete Nationally

WESTFIELD — For the sixth time in 11 years, a student from Franklin Elementary School is headed to Washington, D.C. this July to compete at the national level in the Tar Wars Anti-Tobacco Poster Contest.

Fourth grader Sarah Wheatley initially won first place in Franklin's annual contest, then continued on to win first place at the New Jersey state level. Her poster featured colorful drawings of a road being paved and her original slogan, "Tar is great for your avenue, but it's not good to have in you!"

Franklin held its own award ceremony, where additionally Joshua Schwartz won second place for his "Together We Can Win; Throw Tobacco in the Bin" poster, and Alexis Hammer took third with "The Spot-

light Is on Me and I Stay Tobacco Free." Lily Condodina, Demi Tsavekou and Madeline Katz secured honorable mentions.

Every year, Franklin School nurse, Robin Ince, works with the fourth grade classes using the internationally implemented Tar Wars curriculum, which culminates with the poster contest.

Tar Wars is a program operated by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) whose goal is to help students learn to resist the pressures influencing young people to smoke or use any form of tobacco. Since its inception in 1988, Tar Wars has touched the lives of more than 8,000,000 children worldwide.

Last year, Franklin's winner went on to place in the top 10 nationally.



**SMOKE FREE...**Franklin School nurse Robin Ince, center, recently awarded students ribbons for the annual Tar Wars Anti-Tobacco Poster Contest. Pictured, left to right, are: Demi Tsavekou, Madeline Katz, Sara Wheatley (First Place), Joshua Schwartz (Second Place), Alexis Hammer (Third Place) and Lily Condodina. Sara will represent the state of New Jersey at the national level contest in Washington, D.C. in July.

## Deerfield Awarded Sustainability Grant for Environmental Awareness

MOUNTAINSIDE — Deerfield School has been awarded a sustainability grant in the amount of \$14,995 from PSEG and ANJEE.

"Growing Environmental Awareness in a Greenhouse" will expand upon an existing garden project already taking place at Beechwood School. A greenhouse will be built at Deerfield School, and teachers of grades 3-5 will participate in workshops conducted by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County.

Sessions will focus on plant propagation, the management of greenhouses, and gardening with children.

Utilizing the new greenhouse, approximately 250 students at Deerfield will learn how to compare and con-

trast the effects of a controlled versus uncontrolled environment on plants native to New Jersey. Through a variety of technology tools, students will study the characteristics of this specialized environment, and they will chronicle and communicate their findings with students from other schools, the public, and the Board of Education.

The project will become a permanent feature of the district's science program. Each year, as students move through the curriculum cycle, they will build upon their knowledge of environmental education in their own backyard. They will also sell the plants they grow and use the profits to purchase plantings for the following year.

## Wardlaw-Hartridge Honor Roll

EDISON — Ann Hergenrother, Middle School Head at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison, announced the list of local students who qualified for the Honor Roll with Distinction (average of 93 or above) and Honor Roll (average of 87 or above) for the third trimester of the school year.

Honor Roll with Distinction: eighth graders Anisa Ahmed of Scotch Plains, Cecily D'Amore of Scotch Plains, Claude Djan of Scotch Plains and Max Needle of Scotch Plains; seventh graders Deblina Mukherjee of Scotch Plains and Carlin Schildge of Westfield; and sixth grader Eduardo Martinez of Scotch Plains.

The following local students made the Honor Roll: eighth graders Claire Greaney of Scotch Plains, Charlotte Sweeney of Cranford, Rachel Voeltzel of Scotch Plains and Christopher Zdenek of Westfield; seventh graders Samantha Anastasiou of Scotch Plains and Jake Payami of Scotch Plains; and sixth grader Jason Yin of Scotch Plains.

## Tulane University Doskow Graduates

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Tulane University held its 2012 commencement ceremony in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome on May 19. Emily Doskow, a resident of Westfield, graduated cum laude with a B.A. in Sociology.

Emily, a graduate of Westfield High School, will be attending Columbia University in the fall for her Master's Degree in Social Work. She is the daughter of Karen and Jeffrey Doskow of Westfield.

ALBANY LAW SCHOOL  
**Yudd Graduates from Law School**  
ALBANY, N.Y. — Anthony Yudd of Westfield graduated from Albany Law School at the school's 161st Commencement, held May 11 at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Yudd earned a JD degree from Albany Law School, the oldest independent law school in the nation.

## Kimball Union Academy Honors

MERIDEN, N.H. — Alexandra Hoffman, class of 2013, daughter of David and Jennifer Hoffman of Westfield, has achieved Academic High Honors for the spring trimester at Kimball Union Academy.



**SOMETHING TO QUACK ABOUT...**Brianna Worms, a fourth grader at Washington Elementary School in Westfield, has been collecting rubber ducks for three years. She began her collection when her first grade teacher gave her a rubber duck as a prize. Since then, she has accumulated 330 rubber ducks from around the world. They are currently on display at the Westfield Memorial Library for the month of June.

## University of Scranton Announces Grads

SCRANTON, Penn. — Nearly 900 University of Scranton students were conferred bachelor's degrees at its undergraduate commencement on May 27 at the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza in Wilkes-Barre.

Area residents receiving a bachelor's degree from The University of Scranton are:

Thomas C. McMahon of Westfield majored in history in the Jesuit university's College of Arts and Sciences; Stefanie R. Crosta of Westfield majored in counseling and human services in the Jesuit university's Panuska College of Professional Studies; Augustin J. Gibbons of Westfield majored in philosophy in the Jesuit university's College of Arts and Sciences; Kyle J. Gibbons of Westfield majored in philosophy in the Jesuit university's College of Arts and Sciences; Christina M. Cognetti of Westfield majored in occupational therapy in the Jesuit university's Panuska College of Professional Studies; Meredith H. Kraft of Westfield majored in counseling and human services in the Jesuit university's Panuska College of Professional Studies; Ariel E. Mone of Westfield majored in counseling and human services and philosophy in the Jesuit university's Panuska College of Professional Studies; Rose M. Driscoll of Westfield majored in occupational therapy in the Jesuit university's Panuska College of Professional Studies.

## Gettysburg College Dean's List

GETTYSBURG, Penn. — Gettysburg College students with a quality point average of 3.33 or higher for a semester's work are placed on the Deans' Commendation List. The following students from your area have been placed on the Spring 2012 list: Alexandra Annis of Westfield; Elise Annis of Westfield; Jesse DeMartino of Westfield; Hugo Nolasco of Westfield; Megan Romage, of Westfield and Bethany Verdone of Westfield.



**GRADUATION DAY...**Leah Andrews of Westfield graduated from the lower school of Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child on June 7.



Kristen and Stephen Koepfler

## Rowan University Announces Local Grads

GLASSBORO — Rowan University announced the following local students graduated during 2012 commencement.

Kristen Koepfler graduated with a Bachelor of the Arts Degree. She graduated with honors, was awarded the Allstate International scholarship, and completed an internship with Valeant Pharmaceuticals. Kristen is a graduate of Westfield High School. Her future plan is to pursue a career in public relations.

Stephen Koepfler graduated with a Business in Finance Degree. He graduated with honors and completed an internship with Morgan Stanley. Stephen is a graduate of Westfield High School. His future plan is to pursue a career in finance.

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